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Other sections of this website focus on the various programs of the State Historic Preservation Office, as well as information about historic properties in the state. This section helps answer the question of why we engage in these efforts, what we gain when we do, and how to inspire others to join in.

The <u>Value of Historic Preservation</u> is a powerpoint slide show that you may download and use for presentations. It includes slides and a script. It is very large - 32MB - and may take some time to download.

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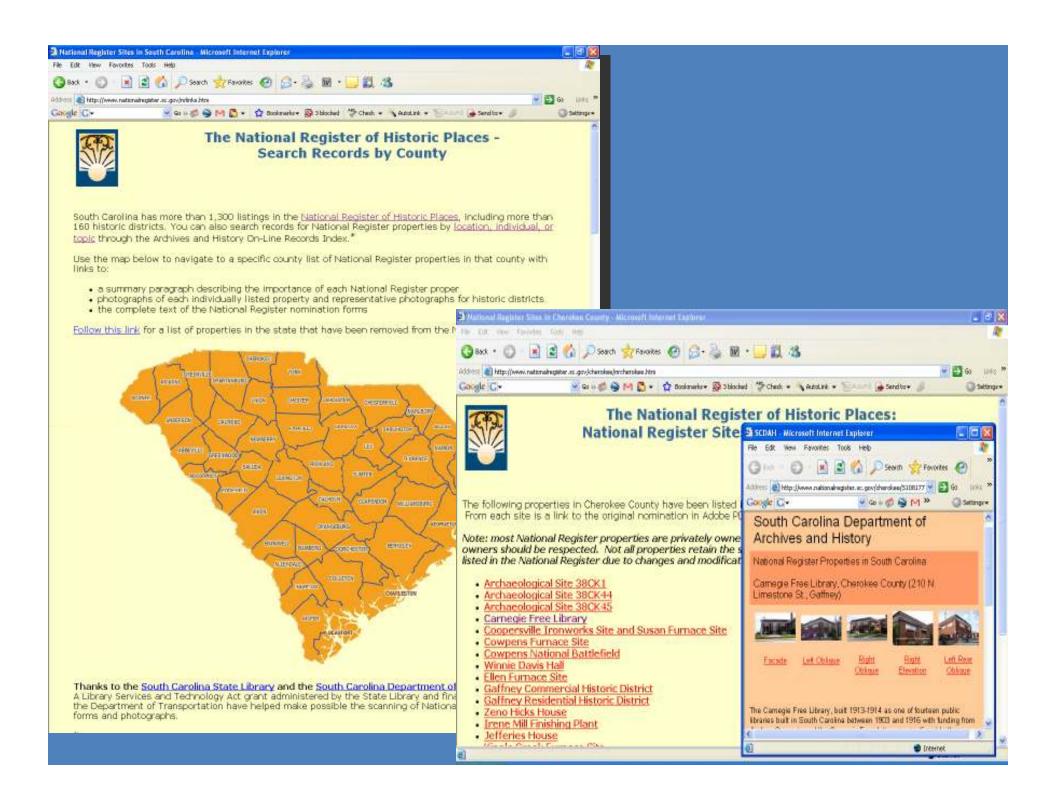
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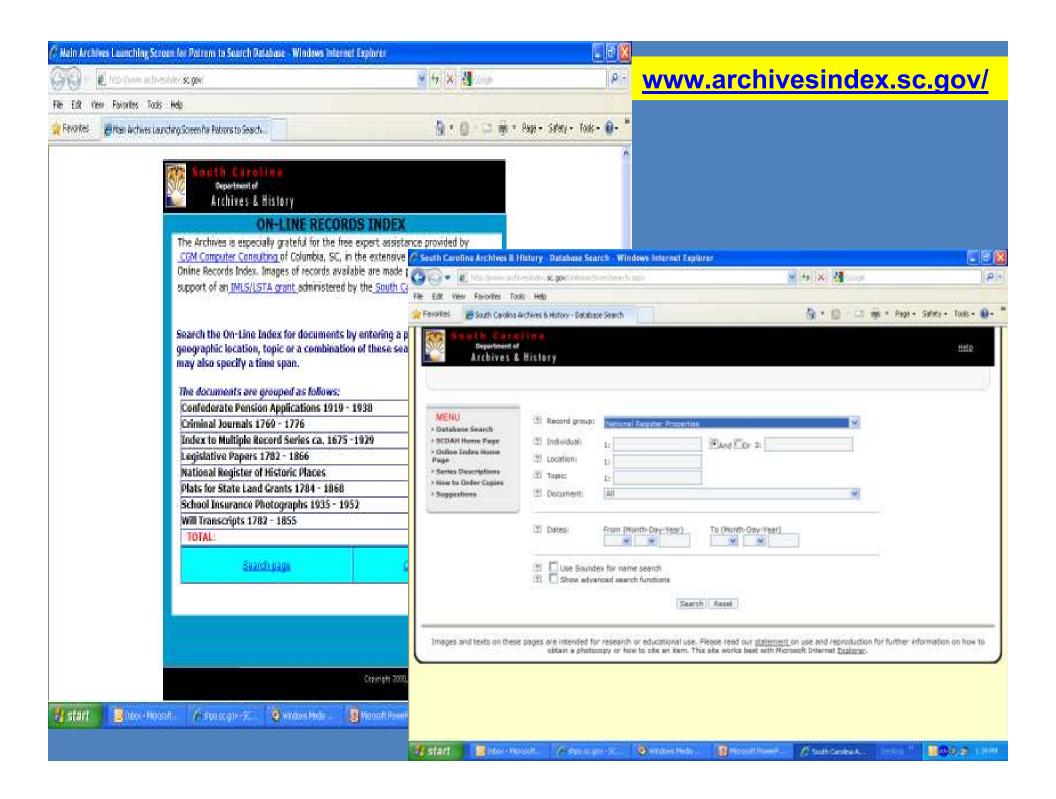
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Welcome to South Carolina Historical Markers Online

Take a virtual tour of the hundreds of roadside historical markers in the state. Find a marker in your neighborhood. Curious about a marker you passed on the highway? Search by keyword, county, or description.

Visit us often for latest updates of new markers being installed across the state. If you are a teacher, student, or parent then you may find valuable resources under the Resources section of our site. Enjoy!

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Grants and Tax Incentives for Preserving Historic Buildings and Sites

Several financial incentives are available to owners who preserve historic buildings and sites in South Carolina.

Historic Preservation **Grants** are federal funds from the US Department of the Interior's National Park Service and are administered by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. There are two categories of projects: Survey and Planning Projects, and Stabilization Projects. The differences between the two categories regarding eligible activities and eligible applicants are explained in State Historic Preservation Office Grants at the left. These matching grant programs provide financial support for preservation projects.

Other institutions and organizations have financial incentive programs that support a variety of preservation-related activities see Other Financial Incentives on the left.

Federal, state, and local **tax incentives** encourage the rehabilitation of historic buildings and donation of conservation easements. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) helps owners meet the standards required for these programs. Both owner-occupied homes and buildings used to produce income---stores, offices, apartment buildings, for example---may be eligible for tax incentives. Use the links below to begin identifying tax incentives that may apply to your building.

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Other Financial Incentives

Please note: the following descriptions are very brief and do not include all grant restrictions and requirements.

American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) Grants:

Federal, state, local, and tribal governments, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions are eligible for these grants. The grants are for **projects that lead to the protection of battlefield land and sites associated with battlefields.** Types of eligible projects range from historical research to archaeological surveys to preservation plans to public education. The grants do not fund land acquisition or capital improvement projects. Grant awards are made once each year. The average grant is around \$25,000. The ABPP is a program of the National Park Service. For more information, visit the ABPP website at http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/.

Preserve America Grants: Eligible applicants for these federal grants include designated *Preserve America* communities and neighborhoods, Certified Local Governments (CLGs) in the process of applying for *Preserve America* designation, State Historic Preservation Offices, and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices. The grants, which are administered by the National Park Service, support preservation efforts through heritage tourism, education, and historic preservation planning. Each grant requires a dollar-for-dollar match. The minimum grant request is \$20,000; the maximum grant request is \$150,000. More information about *Preserve America* communities and the *Preserve America* grants program is available at http://www.preserveamerica.gov/.

Preservation Services Fund Grants: Administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, these grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for preservation planning and education efforts. The matching grants range from \$500 to \$5,000 (typically from \$1,000 to \$1,500). Funds may be used to obtain professional expertise in areas such as architecture, archaeology, engineering, preservation planning, land-use planning, fund raising,

Guides to Financial Incentives

The State Historic
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Resources, which includes
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preservation projects. The
guide is available online or
you can contact Deborah
Jackson to request a
paper copy.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has created a new online guide to financial incentives for historic preservation projects.

Sources of Financial Assistance for Historic Preservation Projects emphasizes federal funding, but also touches upon state, tribal, local, and nonprofit funding opportunities.

The South Carolina State Library has developed a list of <u>Grant and Funding</u> <u>Sources on the Web</u>, a general guide to a variety of grants and other

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Association for Preservation Technology:

APT is a professional organization that focuses on the technical aspects of historic preservation projects.

National Park Service (NPS)

- NPS's Heritage Preservation Services has a number of helpful guides and online classes to help owners, preservation professionals, organizations, and government agencies preserve, restore, and rehabilitate historic buildings.
- Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are used to review the appropriateness of project work assisted with federal funds, licenses or tax incentives. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) also uses the Standards for Rehabilitation for reviewing projects that fall under state legislation.
- <u>Illustrated Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings</u> help readers apply the Standards for Rehabilitation by providing general design and technical recommendations.
- <u>Preservation Briefs</u> are designed to give owners, managers, and developers of historic properties up-to-date and expert advice on common preservation challenges.
- <u>Preservation Tech Notes</u> provide information about innovative techniques in preserving historic buildings.
- <u>Publications Catalog</u> provides a list of NPS publications and the cost of each.
- "Online Education:" A central homepage for online education resources and guidelines.
- <u>Electronic Rehab</u>: This web class provides information about good rehabilitation practices.
- <u>Checklist for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings</u>: To help anyone considering the rehabilitation of a historic building.
- Rehab Yes/No Learning Program: Provides information about appropriate and inappropriate work.
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On March 26, 2009 the federal government's Office of Management and Budget issued guidance that recognizes compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) is required for Recovery Act projects. This means that federal agencies must consider the potential impact of Recovery Act projects, like all federal funding, on historic properties. Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office is part of the federal agency process. If you will be submitting a Recovery Act project for SHPO review, please read and follow the instructions for the Project Review Form and fill it out completely to insure a timely turn around. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please be advised: with the influx of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects we are taking our full 30 days to review. Please plan accordingly so that you can meet your deadlines. There will be no exceptions or rush reviews.

Governor Mark Sanford has appointed Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom as chairman of the South Carolina Stimulus Oversight, Accountability and Coordination Task Force. For more information see this website: http://www.stimulus.sc.gov, which includes links to information about how specific funds are being allocated in South Carolina.

National preservation organizations have also created websites about the economic stimulus funding.

- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- · Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

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The State Historic Preservation Office provides a variety of programs and services that help citizens and organizations protect historic properties. These include:

- Assistance to local governments through the Certified Local Government program, training for members of boards of architectural review, and technical assistance on local design review issues.
- Lists of Preservation Professionals who meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards in History, Architectural History, Archaeology, and Historic Architecture.
- The Preservation Awards to recognize exceptional accomplishments in partnership with the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation and the Governor's Office.
- Resources for Building Owners include links to a variety of information useful in planning and carrying projects involving historic properties.

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Publications

Up to five <u>National Park Service Preservation Briefs</u> can be ordered from the State Historic Preservation Office at no charge.

The State Historic Preservation Office has made several other publications available online:

- 2008 Highlights from the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office
- A Teacher's Guide to African American Historic Places in South Carolina
- Smiling Faces Historic Places: The Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation in South Carolina
- Preserving Our Past to Build a Healthy Future: A Historic Preservation Plan for South Carolina, 2007-2015

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The <u>Landmark and Preservation Conference</u> is held annually in the Spring of the year. The 2010 conference will be in Georgetown. Thank you to our Corporate sponsors for the Conference.

NEW! Historic Preservation 101: An Introduction to Programs and Tools in South Carolina

This workshop will be held on November 3, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration deadline is October 30, 2009. For brochure and registration form, click here.

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Information and guidance about archaeology is available through many different agencies and organizations. On these pages, you will find information about archaeology in the state of South Carolina as well as links to a variety of other sources.





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